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## ROAD DAY WAS BIG SUCCESS.

Good Sized Crowd Responds to  
Call for Improvement of  
Canyon Highway.

A LOT OF GOOD WORK  
WAS ACCOMPLISHED

Some Adverse Criticism of Route Se-  
lected—Matter Should be Settled  
so All Could Unite.

There was a fair response to the call for men and teams last Wednesday to work on the canyon road. About 60 men and ten or a dozen teams turned out, and those who did go worked with a will, so that fully as much work was accomplished as if one hundred men had been employed in the usual way upon public works. Some of the teams hauled as high as 18 to 20 loads of shale, so that in the matter of shaling the road alone, a lot of good was accomplished. In addition to this high centers were removed from a considerable portion of the road in the lower part of the canyon, and quite a section of dugway was built at a point where it was found advisable to change the location of the road in order to obtain a better grade.

A few more such days would put the road in very fair condition as far as some of the first ranches.

Last night a grand ball was given free to those who participated in the road work, and there is now strong talk of another road day in the very near future—perhaps next week.

It is seldom that everybody in a community can agree upon any kind of a public undertaking, and the building of a road up the Cedar canyon to give a short route through to Kane and Garfield counties as well as an automobile into the beauty spots of our mountains, is no exception to the rule. Some men of intelligence and good judgment state positively that the route at present selected and being improved, is all wrong; that there are two or three better routes for the road, and that it is all a conspiracy on the part of the men who are improving it to serve their own interests to serve in the matter, declare that it is the only route for a road.

Now we don't profess to know all about the best route for the road, but we do know that it is the height of folly for us as a community to be divided and bickering on a matter of so much importance to the people as a whole; and if there is really any question about the matter, we believe a competent engineer should be employed to go over all the available routes and decide which is the best and most feasible route. That is the course a railroad company would pursue under similar circumstances, and we believe it would be the sensible thing for Cedar City to pursue.

Of course, all the purposes of the road should be taken into consideration in determining which route was best. The people as a whole want timber and lumber from the mountains, they want coal from the mines, and they also want the route into the beautiful scenery of our mountains and canyons, and in addition, the short route to the counties on the east side of the range. We want the very best possible route for a road that will serve all these objects, and if we are on the wrong track we should get right just as quickly as possible.

As already stated, the matter is all Greek to us, but if there is any considerable sentiment that the route is not being routed right, we should all get together and arrange for a representative from the state engineer's office or some other competent person to go over the various routes and make a report before too much work is done on the present route. And when the best location for the route is decided, everybody should accept the report and work unitedly for the construction of a first class road across the divide, and through the beauty spots of nature which our mountains are so richly endowed.

### THE WEEK'S OFFERINGS

#### AT THORLEY THEATRE

Following is the program of moving picture plays to be shown at the Thorley Electric Theatre during the week beginning Monday, June 19:

Monday night—Vivian Martin in "Over Night," a five reel feature by the World company.

Tuesday—five reel production by the Universal company; western plays.

Wednesday—five reel western program by the Mutual company.

Thursday—five reel feature, "The Bigger Man," Metro company.

Friday—"A Butterfly on the Wheel," featuring Vivian Martin.

Saturday—five reel western program by the General Film company.

Warren Cox of St. George was in town on business today.

Mr. Taylor, Z. C. M. L.'s hardware drummer, was in town the fore part of this week.

Merchant Charles A. Workman of Hurricane was in town today, enroute home from Pine Valley, where he had been attending a conference of one of the auxiliary organizations.

## SALT LAKE ROUTE HAS BIG IMPROVEMENT PLANS

Will Expend One and One-Third Million Dollars in the Betterment of Its System.

The Salt Lake Route has begun the expenditure of one and one-third million dollars in improvements. These betterments included in the 1916 budget prepared by General Manager H. C. Nutt and approved by ex-Senator Clark and Judge R. S. Lovett, provide for the spending of \$547,000 for new rail of 90 lb. section, \$260,000 in bridges, and \$511,000 in miscellaneous improvements.

Several hundred men will be employed to carry out the new work and increased activity will be displayed along the entire system. A large part of the material used will be bought in Los Angeles. The new bridges will be of steel with concrete foundations. Increasing traffic over the short cut to Los Angeles from the inter-mountain states, in summer as well as winter, justifies the extra investments in the opinion of the management.

### STORY HOUR.

At 4 p. m. Sunday, in the auditorium of the public library. Any who are later will miss something, as we begin promptly as announced. Story tells this week are Mrs. Maeser Dailey, Mrs. Jennie C. Hunter and Mrs. Mattie Booth. The program will be varied with songs by the little folks.

The doors will open a little before time so that the children can get into the cool room, and are expected to be orderly. E. CRANE WATSON, Librarian.

## FOUNDER OF JOHN- SON'S FORT DEAD.

Passed Away June 4th at Ripe Age of  
86 Years, at His Home Near  
Benson, Arizona.

The following account of the death of Sextus C. Johnson, who died recently at his home near Benson, Arizona, was handed to The Record by J. M. B. Higbee, of this place, who was well acquainted with deceased, and explains that he was the founder of Johnson's Fort, now known as Enoch, and that the settlement was named for him. Mr. Higbee further explains that Mr. Johnson is Mrs. George Lunt's father, who is a resident of Cedar City at the present time.

His death occurred on June 4th: (From the Benson (Ariz.) Press.)

Sextus C. Johnson died Sunday morning last at his home about a mile north of Pomerene (Robinson) school house aged 86 years. The funeral took place Monday afternoon conducted by Elder M. P. Cosby, of the Church of Latter Day Saints, followed by other members of the church who spoke in eulogy of the deceased. Mr. Johnson came of Revolutionary stock, in which he took great pride. His grandfather was killed at the battle of Bunker Hill three days before his father's birth.

The deceased, who was born in Illinois in 1829, became the father of a large family, leaving a wife, five sons and seven daughters, besides a good many grand-children and a few great grand-children.

Mr. Johnson was leader of a large company of emigrants that crossed the plains from Missouri to Salt Lake City, Utah, in early days. He was captain of a company of minute men in the early Indian wars, but boasted of the fact that he never shed blood but that a way was always found to avoid it. His just way of dealing with the Indians made him many friends among them. Later he spent a good many years laboring among them and helped greatly to civilize some of the most vicious tribes of Southern Utah and Northern Arizona. Mr. Johnson was a pioneer and frontiersman in the truest sense. He helped establish something like twenty-five settlements in Utah, Arizona and Old Mexico. Wherever Mr. Johnson went he was noted for planting fruit trees and beautifying the earth, and though seeming often to realize that he might not live to enjoy the fruit of his own planting, he nevertheless kept at his good work. He was among the first settlers to go into the Mormon colonies of northern Mexico. He saw village after village spring up in the state of Chihuahua, but true to his calling of pioneer he pushed on out to the frontier again. At the time the Americans were called out of Mexico three years ago, Mr. Johnson was at Morelos, Sonora, where he had built himself a nice little home, seemingly content there to spend the last days of his life in ease. Coming out with the settlers, many of whom thought they were only leaving for a month or two, but he had a clearer perception of what was in store for the colonists, for on leaving his little home with its cultivated tracts and orchard of ripening fruit, he seemed conscious of the fact that he was looking upon it for the last time. As he drove away he stopped and turning in the seat of his buggy took a last long look of regret at having to leave his home. Taking off his hat he said impressively and sadly, "Adios" turned and came away.

## CLEAN TOWN SCORERS REPORT

Say Vast Amount of Good Accomplished, and Urge Importance of Continuing.

LIST OF THE PRIZE  
WINNERS MADE PUBLIC

Unsanitary Toilets One of the Worst Conditions and Which Committee Urges be Abolished.

At the Library auditorium last Saturday evening a meeting was held by the members of the clean town committee, the mayor and other city officials, at which a brief report was made of the work of the scoring committee, which in the main was very satisfactory, showing the town to be freer from unsanitary corrals, out-houses, etc., than for probably forty years. At the same time, there is still much room for improvement, and in a subsequent scoring, which is to be done in August, emphasis will be put on other features of the clean town work, such as scheening against flies, painting, etc.

The scoring committee, having completed the scoring of all the premises in the city, reported as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Ryan, and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred K. Smith, receive the first prize of \$10 for having the best kept premises in the city.

District No. 21 received second prize consisting of material to construct a sanitary toilet; said district embraces the B. A. C. and the district school buildings, and all the houses south, north and west of that block.

Charles Lundgren receives the set of garden tools for having the best sidewalk.

Frank B. Wood gets a lawn mower for having the best kept lawn.

Other prizes are yet to be awarded later on in the season. There were many other premises in the city deserving of favorable mention, and in many cases it was no easy matter for the judges to decide who were entitled to the prizes.

The people generally take kindly to the clean town contest and have done a vast amount of good work, and if they keep up their "lick" we will surely win the state prize for the cleanest city in our class.

The biggest problem the committee met was the old unsanitary out-houses and we recommend that they be abolished as soon as possible by the building of those that are up to "snoot."

A few people saw fit to "coast" the scorers, but we completed the work without loss of life.—Committee.

## CEDAR CITY TEAM BEATS PAROWAN IN ANOTHER.

Local Ball Tossers are Too Much for  
County Seat Boys—Woe of Lack  
of Public Interest.

So far the series of base ball games that have recently been played by the Cedar and Parowan teams have all resulted in favor of the local team, the score for the game played here last Saturday being 19 to 7 in favor of the local nine. At the same time, there is a noticeable improvement in the playing on both sides, and it is apparent that if the practices can be kept up there will be at least two good ball teams in the county by fair time in the fall. But on the other hand, there is no improvement at all noticeable in the attendance of spectators at the games, which so far have been very poorly attended. It is just a little surprising that there is so little interest manifested here in our national game. We believe that a little reform is in order in this matter, and we are convinced that the girls and women of our communities have it in their power to bring about this reformation. Just turn out and see the games, ladies, and the men and boys will soon follow your example.

There is considerable expense connected with the maintaining of even a good ball team, and yet the American town that is without such an organization is hardly a representative community. There is an old saying that a town that cannot support a ball team, a brass band and a newspaper, is a pretty poor sort of a town.

With more practice the games will be more hotly contested and consequently more interesting, and then we can take on some of the good teams of the northern Utah settlements, which will afford a lot of wholesome amusement for lovers of clean sport. But everything has to have a beginning, you know.

Show that Cedar City is a live, up-to-date town by your patronage of the ball game each alternate Saturday.

Joseph Covington of Hurricane was attending to business and visiting his sister, Miss Miriam Covington, in town today.

Quite a number of Cedar City young people have gone away for the summer to attend school at the various institutions of learning.

Henry Nelson and Miss Irene Harris were quietly married in this city last Wednesday, only members of the immediate families being present.

## PAROWAN

Ed. Mortensen has lately invested in a new Ford car.

A number of Parowan citizens met with the County School Board last Tuesday afternoon to discuss the advisability of erecting a one-story building as recommended by the state school building commission. Mr. Watkins of the board was present and compared this building with plans for a two story building and showed where it was safer and more convenient in many ways. The one-story building decided upon will contain a swimming pool and gymnasium. This is built on what is known as the six-six plan, which will contain rooms for a junior high school. When completed Parowan will have one of the most modern and best school buildings in the state.

Miss Mary Bergstrom of Cedar City is visiting here for a few days, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Mitchell.

Dr. Leonard of Cedar City was called to Parowan Thursday morning to attend Stephen G. Thornton, who at this writing is in a very critical condition, suffering from some form of poisoning.

Miss Nora Richards is suffering from an attack of typhoid fever.

Joe Dalton is improving slowly, but is still seriously ill.

Dr. Burton reports the arrival of a baby boy at the home of Ed. Gurr, forest ranger. All doing nicely.

Scott Mitheson has been employed as clerk at the Parowan Co-op. Store.

## BIG FIGHT STAGED ON PROHIBITION

Robert W. Brown of Kentucky Sent to  
Organize League to Oppose  
"Radical Legislation."

According to the reports that are current and items that are published in daily papers, it seems the national liquor association, as well, no doubt, as all local liquor interests in the state of Utah, are uniting for the final and greatest battle ever staged in the state of Utah for the defeat of prohibition.

Recently Robert W. Brown of Louisville, Ky., arrived in Salt Lake City and began laying the plans for the organization of a Greater Utah Business League, and gave out the information that the purpose of the league was to determine the sentiment in the state as regards radical and sumptuary legislation, and to educate the people to oppose such legislation.

He is quoted as stating: "I regard prohibition as radical legislation, and am opposed to a prohibition law."

One of the first persons in the state whom he visited was Governor Spry, who was so determined at the last session of the legislature that the people should not have a prohibition law that he refused to veto the prohibition bill the legislature had passed until he had laid for them to pass it over his head.

It is quite an interesting coincidence that Mr. Brown should visit Governor Spry first, with his letter of recommendation from Governor Stanley of Kentucky. He later visited other important citizens of the state, among whom it is peculiar to note that the names of some of the leading liquor people of the state and those who have been fighting prohibition in the state, are most prominent.

They are laying their plans to carefully pack the state convention and the county convention and see to it that men are nominated upon the different tickets who, if elected, will best serve their purpose to defeat prohibition.

Every political worker in the state and every voter should be made thoroughly acquainted with the true purposes of the Greater Utah Business League. Offices have been opened on the fourth floor of the Atlas block in Salt Lake City and in Mr. Brown's private rooms at the Newhouse hotel, and they are reported to have \$25,000 at their call now, with more to come if they need it to defeat prohibition in the state of Utah.

The Republican party in the state of Utah will stand for prohibition this fall and will see to it that no one is nominated on the ticket who would stand in the way of giving this important law to the people of the state.

A house cleaning will be indulged in and Spry and every other person who have stood in the way of prohibition will be eliminated from the ranks of Republican workers that the people of Utah may know that when the Republican ticket is selected this fall, they will give the people prohibition and a governor will be in the chair who will not try to dictate to the legislators, the representatives of the people, but will do their bidding, and if he cannot conscientiously sign the prohibition bill, he will at least have their official respect for the people and their legislators, to veto the bill and send it back to them in time for them to pass it over his head, if they should so choose.

Get in line for the house cleaning. It's coming in the Republican ranks this fall.—American (Murry) Eagle.

## COWBOYS LASSO BEAR AT LUND

Remarkable Nerve of Wild Bear  
that Crosses Valley in the  
Broad Daylight.

COWBOYS WITH ROPES  
TOO MUCH FOR BRUIN

Animal Dies as Result of Mauling it  
Received at Hands of Riders and  
Their Trusty Ponies.

That wild and ferocious bears should be found roaming at large, in the broad daylight, upon the great Escalante desert in this county, and within a quarter of a mile of a lively, thriving community like Lund, on the Salt Lake Route, is almost beyond belief, and sounds of a fairy story; but when the particulars and the fresh hide and scalp are exhibited in confirmation of the story, one is forced to accept it.

We got the details of the chase first hand from Heber Meeks, of Kanab, who was the first man to drop his lariat over the head of bruin. Mr. Meeks gave the following account of the capture:

"We had driven cattle to Lund for shipment, and were eating breakfast at camp in the street about 7 o'clock, when I saw the bear crossing the railroad track about a quarter of a mile north of town, going west. I lost no time in mounting my horse and started in hot pursuit, followed closely by Eugene Russell of Rockville. As I came up with the bear he was just entering a pond or small lake, and as my horse ran past the bear he slipped and fell with me almost directly in front of the bear, which passed within arm's reach of me as I lay with one leg pinned beneath my fallen horse.

"The bear went on through the lake, while 'Gene and I, as soon as I had regained the saddle, rode around the outside, coming up with the bear again on the opposite side. We had no difficulty in outrunning bruin with our horses, and I threw my rope over his head, tightening it about his neck. It took the bear only a second or two to rise on its hind legs and pull the rope over its head with its front paws. Then 'Gene got a throw with his rope, catching the bear around the body, and I dropped my rope over its head again, and by pulling in opposite directions we held the animal until the other boys came up with the wagon. In the mean time the bear fought desperately, and had to be severely choked with the rope in order to control it. When the other boys came up they helped to tie the animal's legs securely, which with the aid of a skid, we then loaded on the wagon and took it to Lund.

We figured on making a prisoner of the animal by placing it in the steel cage at that place used as a jail, but we hardly got the bear in the cage before it died as a result of the mauling it had received.

"What kind of a bear was it," we asked Mr. Meeks.

"A black bear, I think," was the reply; "it would weigh about six or seven hundred pounds."

The hide, which passed through Cedar on its way to the Parowan tannery, weighed 110 pounds.

The thought that bears are strolling at large on the desert will bring fear and consternation to many a lonely homesteader, we imagine, in the western part of this county, particularly if the homesteader chances to be of the feminine persuasion.

The hide and bounty on the scalp would net the boys near to \$50.

## OLD PIONEER OF CERAR GOES TO HIS LAST REST

As we are closing the firms on this issue of The Record, we learn of the death of John S. Walker, one of the early pioneers of this place, at the advanced age of 83 years, his last birthday having been on the 10th of last February.

It is too late to obtain particulars for a biographical sketch of his life this week, but we will obtain same for our next issue.

District Manager A. T. Jones, of the Utah-Idaho Motor company, reports the sale of two more Maxwell cars within the past two days, both of them to residents of Hurricane, Utah.

Saturday and Sunday next conference of the St. George Stake will be held at Enterprise, and today a lot of people from St. George and the upper settlements of Hurricane and Tropicville and other Washington county settlements have passed through there.

A very necessary and much appreciated piece of road improvement is in progress just north of Cedar City, which will smooth out the washboard that we have been traveling ever since the Parowan-Cedar road was graded by the state. At that time the new work was not smoothed down before travel commenced and raked it so hard that it has come to be impossible to get it back into shape without entirely upsetting the grade, which is now being done, and the surface covered with shale, which will make one more splendid approach to town.

## KANARRAVILLE.

Kanarraville, Utah, June 12, 1916.

DIED.—June 10, at 3:55 p. m., the wife of Joseph Pollock, our local blacksmith. Death resulted from a severe case of stomach trouble of long standing. About a year ago Mrs. Middleton and Leonard made an examination and pronounced her affliction cancer. While she has suffered more or less for the past fifty years with pains in the region of her stomach, the last year she has been much worse, and has been confined to her home, and a considerable portion of the time to her bed. All her children, with the exception of two daughters, were at her bedside when the change came. She was the mother of eleven children, two of which died in infancy. Her living children are: Samuel L. Wallace, Henry and Pole Pollock, Mrs. John H. Williams, Mrs. Jesse Williams, Mrs. Joseph S. Williams, Mrs. Daniel Webster, Mrs. Ella Christensen. There are 49 grand-children and six great-grandchildren, besides her husband left behind to mourn her departure. She was in her 67th year.

It has been indefinitely decided by the county commissioners and county road supervisor, with the people here, to change the county road from here to New Harmony, to run through the field west from the public square. It was voted by the people to put the road through the field.

The mountain road is being put in good condition, one piece of new road cutting out the red dug way, which has been in a dangerous condition for the past two or three years, and which has been regarded as the steepest part of the road. The change is much appreciated by everyone who has occasion to travel the road. There have been quite a number express their willingness to donate towards it.

## MORE INTEREST URGED AT GAMES

Cedar City Will Have No Ball Team  
for Holidays and Fair Unless  
Encouragement is Given.

I was interested in reading the report of last Saturday's ball game in the Parowan Times, Cedar City items. I feel that a few lines are worth repeating: "Neither team played worth shucks, so some of the fans claimed, and stated that both teams must jingle if they expect to hold the interest of the base ball fans."

While the games between Cedar City and Parowan have been rather loosely played and not as interesting as they might have been, the few real lovers of the game who live at Cedar have made no complaint. They know that owing to expense in bringing teams here that Parowan, up to this time, has been the only town the team felt able to play. They realize, also, that a team cannot be made in a week or a month, and that a lot of loose playing is bound to come before the more perfect work.

This is especially true in the case of the Parowan team, because of the fact that the town has had no team for years and an entirely new organization is therefore being built. Great credit is due Captain Brown and his men for the strong effort they are making to build up a team which will be a credit to the town, in the face of meagre local support.

In regard to the Cedar team, the boys have done splendidly, so far. Attendance at practice has been better than ever before. Prospects are most excellent for one of the best teams, if not the best, the town has ever had, provided that practice can be kept up through the summer.

This brings us back to the quoted article: "Both teams must get up and jingle if they expect to hold the interest of the base ball fans." I know the few real fans of the town. No such statement would have come from them. They were on the bleachers, making their money like men, making the best of a poor game.

I have no question but that this statement, if it originated anywhere outside of the mind of the correspondent, came from a park fence warmer, who never paid to see a ball game in his life, who never played the game, and who has seen one regular association game through a crack in the fence. I have one thing to say to such fans: The gate receipts last Saturday were exactly \$3.15. The first game brought us in \$5.50. The ball team is now \$70.00 in the hole, thanks to the generous support of the fence warmers and those who were not at hand.

The situation resolves itself into this: Let those "fans" who are so generous in their criticism be just as generous with their money, or Cedar City will have no ball team—good, bad or indifferent. Let the town support the team now, or there will be no Cedar City team on the 4th, the 24th or at the Fair.

As captain of the team, I am putting the proposition squarely up to the people of Cedar City. It's up to you. If you want a team you may have one. If you don't—well, it's a poor town that can't support a ball team.

To paraphrase the question the fans of the town must jingle a little more if they expect to hold the interest of the ball team. CLAYTON S. RICE.

It is learned that Brother E. C. Cox is gradually sinking, and that Brother Richard Palmer is also falling fast.